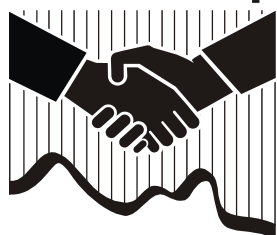


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HAMILTON COUNTY Regional Planning Commission

The mission of the Planning Partnership is to bring together public, private and civic sector organizations engaged in community planning in Hamilton County so that mutual goals related to physical, economic and social issues can be planned for comprehensively and achieved collaboratively.

New Leadership

The Planning Partnership held its first election of officers on April 22nd. This new leadership team includes: Dick Huddleston (City of Springdale), Chair; Bob Schuler (Sycamore Township), Chair-Elect; and Don Mooney (City of Cincinnati), Vice-Chair. (Please see profiles at "In the Spotlight" on page 2).

Milford and Cleves join the Partnership

Welcome to our newest members. Eighty percent of the County's area and 88% of the County's population are now represented in the Planning Partnership. (Please see Current Membership Map and statistics on page 3).

NEW PLANNING PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE: Capital Improvement Priority Setting

A priority initiative of the Planning Partnership is to improve the capacity of Hamilton County communities in competing for State and Federal funds. Plan on attending the upcoming Planning Partnership Workshops to learn how the communities in Northern Kentucky set priorities and lobby as a group for funds at the State and Federal level (July 31). Bob Schuler will be with us on August 14th on the topic "Legislation 101: Getting Hamilton County's share". The District 2 Integrating Committee Model will be presented at the August 28th session. The last session of this series will be on October 1st with Legislator Patricia Clancy as the keynote speaker. A panel of experts will comment on and answer questions about competing for funds and effective methods for collectively setting priorities. (Please see attached flyer for more information).

NEW PLANNING PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE: Developing a Vision for the County

The visioning portion of Community COMPASS began on June 28th with approximately 60 community leaders attending the first meeting of the Community COMPASS Steering Team. In the months to follow a series of idea gathering meetings will be held throughout the county. At these meetings citizens will share their ideas for improving Hamilton County. The Community COMPASS Steering Team will use the results from the idea gathering meetings to develop broad goals for the county. These goals will be tested at the Electronic Town Meeting in January and finally converted into strategies that will lead to concrete action steps.

NEW PLANNING PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE: A Different Kind of Meeting

An Electronic Town Meeting – being planned for January 12, 2002 will engage 1,000 Hamilton County citizens under the same roof to help prioritize goals and strategies for the county's future. The use of wireless computers and electronic polling keypads will make this a one-of-a-kind event for planning in this region. The fusion of the traditional New England Town Meeting and wireless technology allows citizens from all parts of the county to come together and develop a unified vision. The "real time" technology will help participants move beyond individual interests and see how their ideas fit in the context of the larger community.

NEW PLANNING PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE: Training for Planning Commissioners

The Planning Partnership received a grant from the Regional Initiatives Fund to initiate a series of training courses for Planning Commissioners. A team is currently working to design the curriculum that fits the needs of local planning commissioners. As a preliminary step, approximately 160 surveys have been sent to planning commissioners to assess priorities and needs related to the design and content of the training program.

Message to the Planning Partnership

The first meeting of the Partnership was held less than nine months ago, in September 2000. Already, 27 local planning partners (communities in our county) representing almost 90% of the county's population and 80% of its area are engaged in important initiatives.

The Partnership is about bringing together public, private and civic sector organizations engaged in community planning in Hamilton County. We are beginning to plan for our community comprehensively and intend to work collaboratively to achieve mutual goals related to physical, economic and social issues.

A major initiative of the Partnership is Community COMPASS – Comprehensive Master Plan and Strategies for Hamilton County. Other current initiatives are the workshops on Capital Improvement Priority Setting, and the Certified Planning Commissioners' Program.

The members of the Partnership are also preparing a strategic plan for the organization to assure that our expanding initiatives are effective in accomplishing the Partnership's mission. The strategic plan now includes 10 desired outcomes. Action strategies for each outcome are now being identified.

I am very pleased with the direction we are heading, and proud to be recently elected as the Planning Partnership's first Chairperson. We have a great team assembled, including officers, committee chairpersons and active representatives from each of the member communities.

To the current members, I commend your courage to take the lead. To communities now considering membership, I invite you to come on board and be part of this exciting vision for planning in Hamilton County.

Dick Huddleston
Chairperson

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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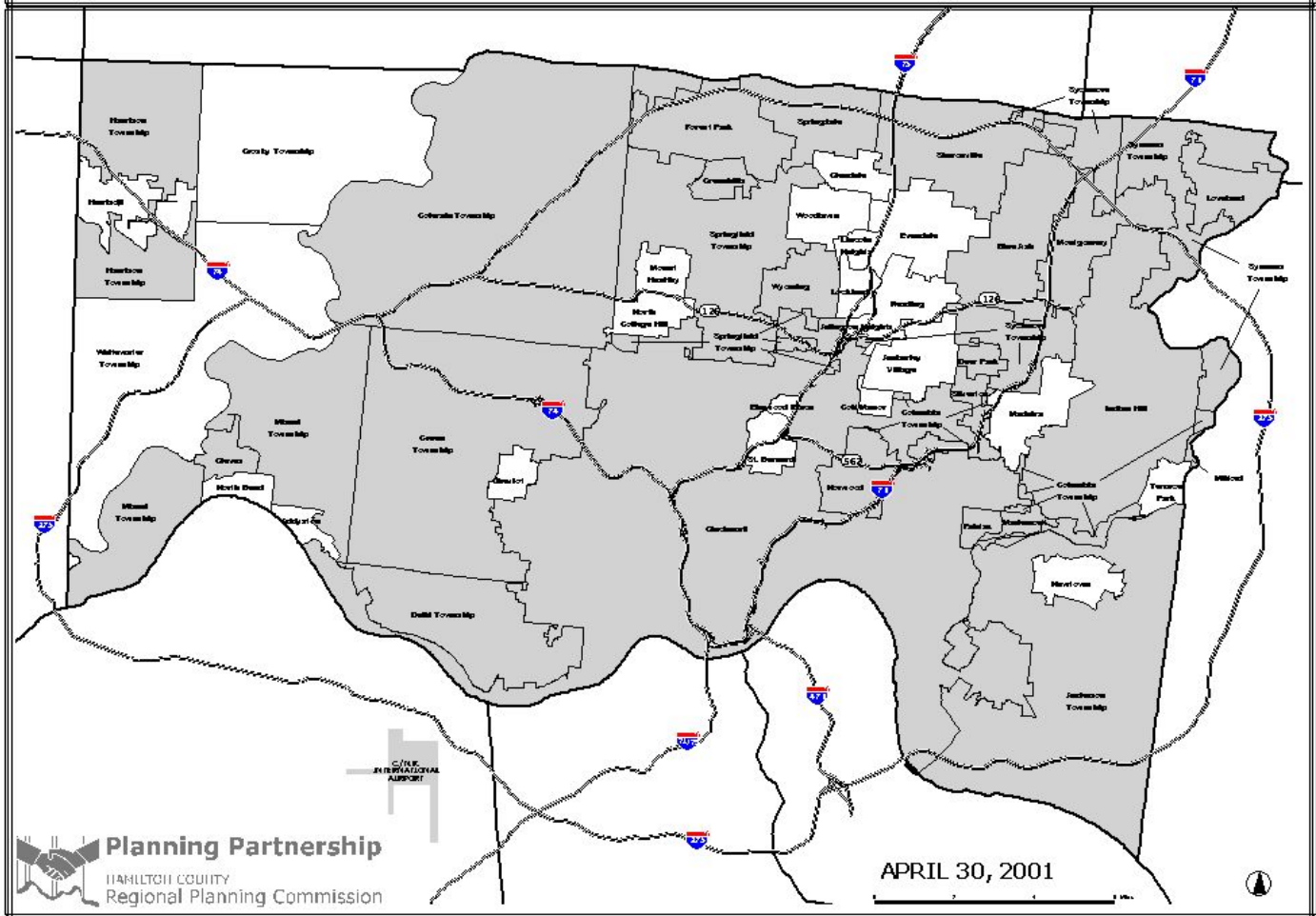
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Dick Huddleston is partner and vice-president of sales for design/build construction for the Miller Valentine Group. He joined Miller-Valentine in 1983 and has been successfully involved with projects such as: Verst Group Logistics, Corning Precision Lens, The Midland Company, and the Stride Rite Corporation. He has thirty years experience in the commercial construction and development field with primary concentration being the full scope of development services for design/build project delivery. Professional associations include: 1996 To Present-Member, Planning Commission, City of Springdale; Member Trustee, OKI Regional Council of Governments; Council Member & Chairman, Planning & Zoning Commission, City of Blue Ash; Trustee, Cincinnati Center for Economic Education (UC); Licensed Ohio Real Estate Agent (25 years). Attended the University of Cincinnati, and Ohio College of Applied Science (OCAS).

Robert L. Schuler is owner of Comprehensive Appraisal Service and Director of Economic Development for Sycamore Township. Mr. Schuler served in the Ohio House of Representatives from 1993 to 2000 and was Chair of the Local Government & Townships Committee. He served formerly as President of Sycamore Township Trustees for three years and the OKI Regional Council of Governments for two years. Community activities include the Regional Greenspace Initiative Board, Fernald Community Reuse Organization Board, and Sycamore Senior Center Board of Directors. Recognitions include "Legislator of the Year" from the Ohio Parks & Recreation, Hamilton County Township Association, and the Ohio Association of Mortgage Brokers. Professional designations include Ohio State Certified General Appraiser, National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers Senior Designation, and Ohio Association of Realtors. Mr. Schuler earned his A.A.B. in Real Estate from the University of Cincinnati.

Donald J. Mooney, Jr. is a partner with Ulmer & Berne LLP's Labor and Employment and Business Litigation Practice Groups. His litigation practice emphasis includes business, securities, antitrust, land use, and labor and employment disputes. In addition to trial and appellate proceedings, he has experience handling cases through arbitration and administrative hearings. Mr. Mooney is a former staff attorney with the U.S. court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit. He is a member of the Health Care Committee of the American Bar Association's Antitrust Section. He also is Chair of the Cincinnati Planning commission and is Past President of the Cincinnati Association. He served formerly as Chair of the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission and as Co-Chair of the Committee on Public Agencies of the Labor Law Section of the Ohio State Bar Association. Mr. Mooney received his B.A., *cum laude*, in 1972 from the University of Notre Dame and earned his J.D. in 1975 from the University of Cincinnati where he was a member of the Editorial Board of the Cincinnati Law Review and earned the distinction of Order of Coif.

Current Membership of Planning Partnership



Community	Square Miles	Percent of County	1990 Population	Percent of County	1999 Estimated Population	Percent of County
1 Board of County Commissioners	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Anderson Township	31.2	7.5%	39,939	4.6%	41,372	4.9%
3 Blue Ash City	7.7	1.9%	11,923	1.4%	12,093	1.4%
4 Cincinnati City	78.8	19.1%	364,114	42.0%	330,914	39.4%
5 Cleves Village	1.3	0.3%	2,208	0.3%	2,396	0.3%
6 Colerain Township	43.2	10.5%	56,781	6.6%	60,775	7.2%
7 Columbia Township	2.8	0.7%	4,269	0.5%	4,555	0.5%
8 Deer Park City	0.9	0.2%	6,181	0.7%	5,820	0.7%
9 Delhi Township	10.1	2.4%	30,250	3.5%	30,291	3.6%
10 Fairfax Village	0.8	0.2%	1,955	0.2%	1,838	0.2%
11 Forest Park City	6.3	1.5%	18,621	2.1%	19,240	2.3%
12 Green Township	28.7	6.9%	52,687	6.1%	54,847	6.5%
13 Greenhills Village	1.2	0.3%	4,393	0.5%	4,056	0.5%
14 Harrison Township	14.3	3.5%	4,625	0.5%	5,026	0.6%
15 Loveland City ¹	2.9	0.7%	8,397	1.0%	9,819	1.2%
16 Mariemont Village	0.9	0.2%	3,118	0.4%	2,814	0.3%
17 Miami Township	20.4	5.0%	7,605	0.9%	8,367	1.0%
18 Milford City ¹	0.15	0.0%	5	0.0%	32	0.0%
19 Montgomery City	5.0	1.2%	9,733	1.1%	10,005	1.2%
20 Norwood City	3.1	0.8%	23,674	2.7%	21,651	2.6%
21 Sharonville City ¹	9.3	2.2%	11,312	1.3%	11,979	1.4%
22 Silverton City	1.1	0.3%	5,859	0.7%	5,500	0.7%
23 Springdale City	4.9	1.2%	10,621	1.2%	9,908	1.2%
24 Springfield Township	16.9	4.1%	38,497	4.4%	38,405	4.6%
25 Sycamore Township	6.8	1.6%	20,074	2.3%	19,622	2.3%
26 Symmes Township	9.3	2.3%	11,635	1.3%	14,445	1.7%
27 Village of Indian Hill City	18.6	4.5%	5,383	0.6%	5,379	0.6%
28 Wyoming City	2.8	0.7%	8,128	0.9%	8,161	1.0%
27 Local Planning Partners	329.3	79.8%	761,987	88.0%	739,310	88.0%
Hamilton County (49 Jurisdictions)	412.8	100.0%	866,228	100.0%	840,443	100.0%

Notes: 1 - Hamilton County part

July 2001 Committee Meetings

(All Planning Partnership representatives are welcome to participate in Committee Meetings)

Committee	Day	Date	Time	Location	Chairperson
Executive	Tuesday	7/24/01	9:00 – 11:00 am	Wyoming Administration Building	Bob Schuler 891-6293
Organizational Strategy	Tuesday	7/24/2001	11:30 am	Drake Conference Center, Room H.	Paulette Leeper 677-2631
Program: Capital Improvement Priority Setting – Workshop Session I	Tuesday	7/31/2001	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Drake Conference Center, Room E	Joanne Gerson 793-2648
Membership	Tuesday	7/17/2001	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Drake Conference Center, Room H.	Adam Goetzman 598-3060
Nominating					Jim Tarbell 352-2560
Governance/ Bylaws					Hal Franke 852-8221
Funding					Dick Huddleston 346-5700
Community COMPASS Steering Team	Thursday	7/19/2001	7:30 – 10:00 am	Mill Race Lodge at Winton Woods Park (off Sharon Road)	Jim Wuenker 231-0878 & Jacquelyn McCray 861-5400

Organizational Strategy Committee:

Develops the strategic plan for achieving the mission and goals of the Planning Partnership.

Program Committee:

Develops programs to meet the needs of community members and coordinates regular and special meetings of the Planning Partnership.

Membership Committee:

Develops and implements strategy for expanding membership to include all jurisdictions in Hamilton County and to include civic and private sector organizations as well as other public sector organizations.

Produces the Planning Partnership newsletter.

Nominating Committee:

Studies the leadership requirements and needs of the organization. Selects nominees who have the experience and the qualities that meet the needs of the organization. Recommends bylaw provisions related to officers, nominations, nominating committee, and elections.

Governance/Bylaws Committee:

Drafts rules and procedures (related to meetings, notices voting, quorum, officers vacancies, participation, subcommittees) necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Planning Partnership.

Funding Committee:

Identifies key individuals and organizations that could fund studies and initiatives of the Planning Partnership

Community COMPASS Steering Team:

Recommends a course of action to the Planning Partnership.

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